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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4/24/61

WEATHER Temperatures averaged 2 to 8 degrees above normal. Freezing temperatures were noted over most of the State on the morning of the 18th and in western sections on the mornings of the 22nd and 24th. High temperatures were in the 80's on the 19th, McCook reported 91 degrees.

Light rain was reported at widely scattered points on Friday. There were a few sprinkles, mostly in the west, from Wednesday through Sunday. Light snow fell at Scottsbluff Monday morning.

Humidity was low. Winds were strong throughout the week. Blowing dust in the western two-thirds of the State on Sunday afternoon lowered visibility to zero at some points. Gusts were estimated at 100 miles per hour at Scottsbluff.

CROPS Some lowlands and poorly drained soils were still a little wet to be worked but the weather was favorable for rapid drying and field work picked up momentum, hitting a peak at the end of the week. About 90 percent of the oats is planted. This is slightly above average for this date. Sugar beet planting reached the final stages during the week but recent wind damage will require replanting. Barley and spring wheat planting is about finished. Most farmers were concentrating on preparing ground for corn and milo in the east and summer fallow in the west.

Wheat, spring grains, grasses and legumes responded to higher temperatures and started to make a good recovery from the retarded growth due to cold weather during April. Most of the wheat is recovering from soil-borne mosaic and damage is expected to be light.

Pasture growth is slow but wheat has been furnishing good pasture. A few fields of wheat and alfalfa in central areas have been sprayed for insect control.

Farmers and ranchers spent some time last week repairing pasture fences as cattle will be moved into pastures soon. Tree planting was also a common chore last week.

LIVESTOCK Weather was favorable for livestock and poultry. Production gains are reported at high levels and feed lot gains are above average.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle and calves into Nebraska during March totaled 104,000 head compared with 50,000 head brought in during March last year. Lambs unloaded in Nebraska for feeding during March totaled 23,000 head compared with 21,000 head a year earlier.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 1961

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	0	Chadron	T
Lincoln	T	North Platte	0	Imperial	T
Norfolk	0	Valentine	.27	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.05			Sidney	T
Sioux City	.09				

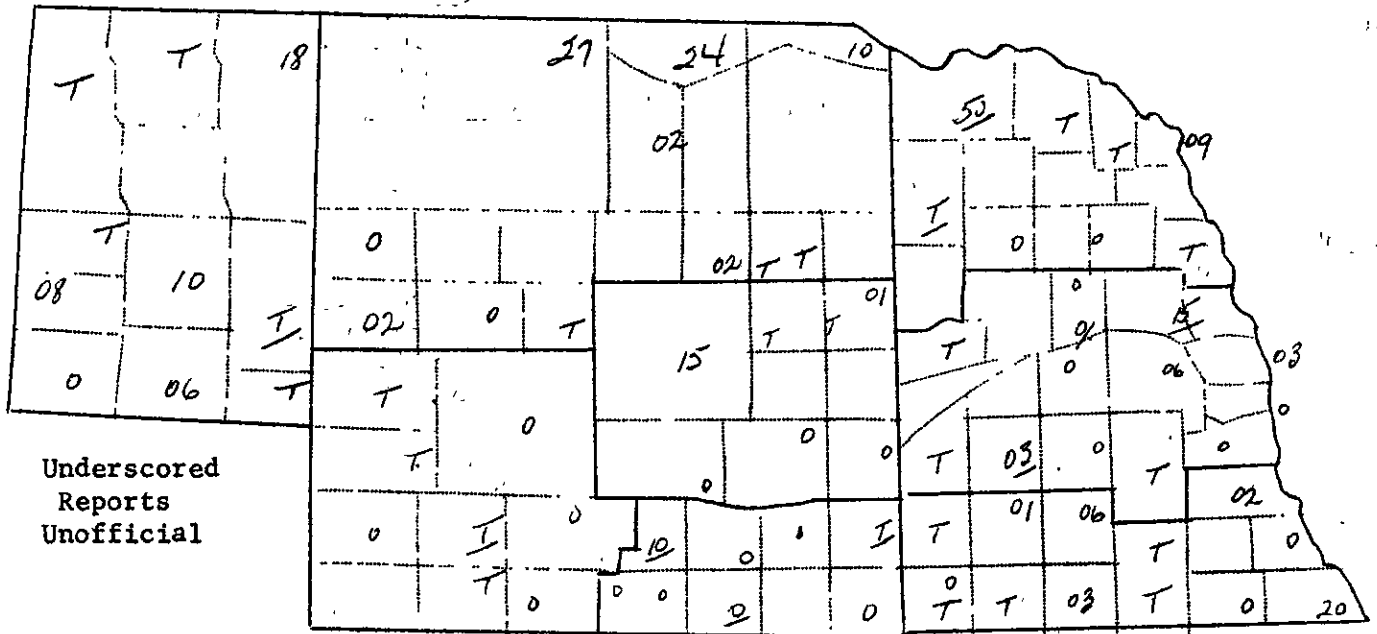
Precipitation, April 1 - 21, 1961

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.06	.07	.02	.03	.01	T	0	.03
Total Since April 1	1.04	1.28	1.31	1.43	1.66	1.53	1.73	1.92
Long-time Avg. since April 1	1.28	1.36	1.59	1.39	1.56	1.31	1.44	1.67

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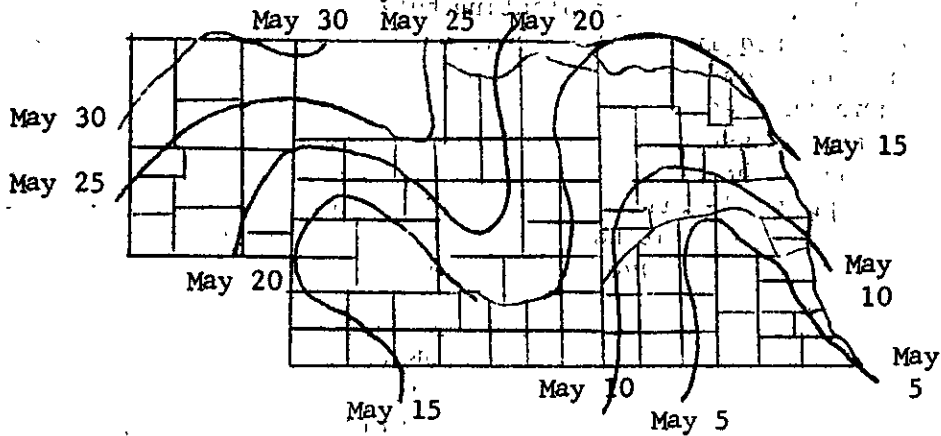
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1961

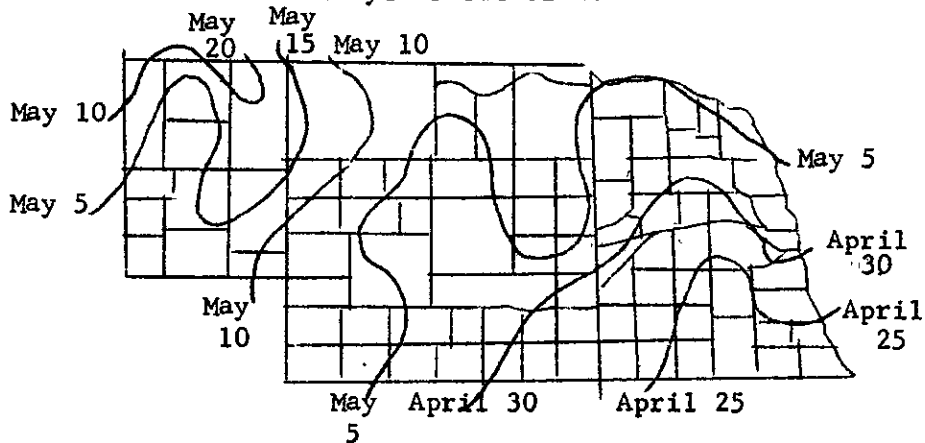


?? THE LATEST FREEZE ??

Freezing temperatures are likely to occur after the given date (approximation) in:
5 years out of 20



10 years out of 20



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and
lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		April 18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	62	38	81	45	84	47	69	41	56	34	69	49	61	35
	Scottsbluff	63	37	81	41	83	47	64	47	65	35	71	42	58	34
	Sidney	63	39	77	36	81	50	64	39	64	33	67	45	61	31
NC	Burwell	55	24	77	45	83	52	67	44	66	31	71	41	75	
	Valentine	56	28	81	45	89	52	62	36	51	36	70	53	68	38
NE	Norfolk	52	22	72	47	79	58	75	44	68	38	70	52	80	49
	Sioux City	53	27	72	49	82	60	82	42	69	39	70	52	71	42
CEN	Grand Island	56	27	74	51	82	58	76	47	66	38	71	55	82	45
EC	Lincoln	54	30	73	55	80	65	85	48	69	45	73	44	85	53
	Omaha	53	31	70	52	77	60	86	44	67	43	69	52	85	52
SW	Imperial	62	28	78	37	81	46	68	38	68	31	70	48	69	31
	North Platte	58	32	77	39	86	48	66	41	68	35	69	56	68	39